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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

For the Examiner's convenience, enclosed herewith is a copy of an Office Action issued in corresponding Indian Patent Application No.: 3481/KOLNP/2006 dated September 1, 2009. It is noted that WO 2002/002533 A1 was previously submitted with an IDS filed May 23, 2007.

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